

## **BCR Environmental Corporation**

U.S. EPA Water Technology Innovation Cluster Leaders Workshop

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## The World We Live In & Why Innovation is Needed

**Infrastructure is Underfunded and Facing Cost Escalations Greater than GDP Growth** 

> **Estimated \$1 trillion** over next 20-years

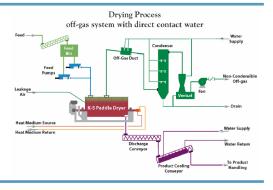




**Traditional Infrastructure Innovation focused** on Complex Solutions for Large Facilities

> Only address ~400 of the total 16,800 facilities in the U.S.

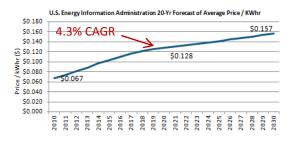
~95% of wastewater 4,000 facilities & ~50% of sludge 3,000 production 



Landfill Capacity, Increasing Regulations and **Escalating Energy** 

> The 'Do Nothing' Scenario is no longer an option





"Infrastructure Innovation" = Doing More With Less (Less Money & Less Risk)

## Who We Are / I Am

**BCR's Vision:** To be the leading long-term Whole Solution provider that converts organic waste into environmentally responsible products enabled by <u>superior technology</u>.

#### **BCR's Principles:**

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In everything we do we believe in being:



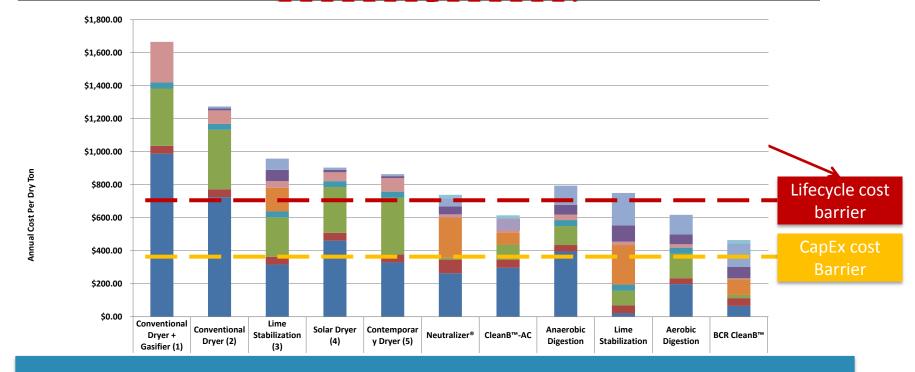


Our Vision and Core Principles make our Company Unique

## What Exists & What is Sustainable?

#### There are fundamental economic barriers to the majority of the market

В	CR Environmental Estimated Reconciliation of Wastewater Plants Excluding Collection Facilities					
	< <b>.1 mgd</b> (Note 8)	>.1 - <.3 mgd (Note 8)	>.3 - <1.0 mgd (Note 8)	<b>1-10 mgd</b> (Note 8)	<b>10-100 mgd</b> (Note 8)	<b>100+ mgd</b> (Note 8)
# of Facilities	6,828	4,290	2,181	2,757	725	40
Cumulative # of Facilities	6,828	11,117	13,298	16,054	16,779	16,819
% of Facilities	40.6%	25.5%	13.0%	16.4%	4.3%	0.2%



Most approved solutions do not have sustainable economics @ scale

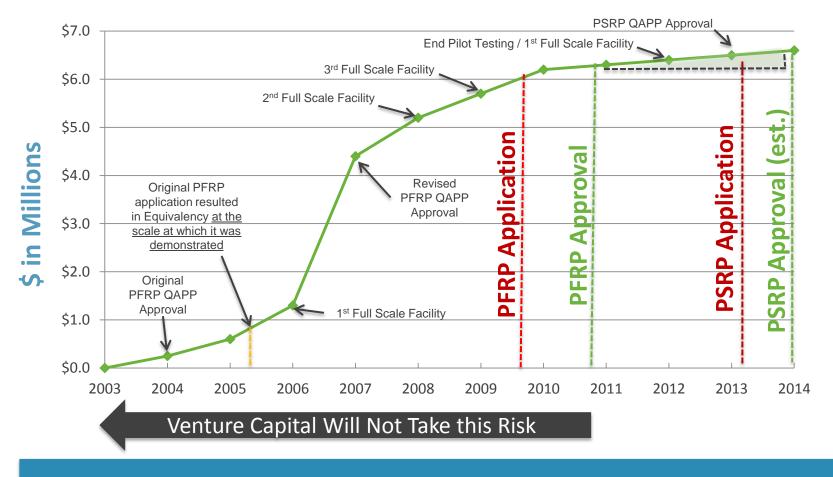
### BCR Views the EPA and State DEPs As Partners to Innovation

- Permitting Ease
  - Nobody wants to risk writing an operating permit for a process that is not
     'EPA approved'
- Consulting Engineer Acceptance
  - Data aggregation required for PFRP and PSRP application process and designation by EPA PEC experts as a National Equivalent Processes enhances CE acceptance
- Industry Acceptance
  - National Equivalency designation makes the process 'accepted' in the industry
- Protection against long-term Regulatory Change
  - Reduce potential risk to BCR and clients of contemplated future federal rule changes

Regulatory acceptance and approval is part of the "Innovation"

## **Cost of Obtaining National PFRP and PSRP Approval**

#### **Total Expenditures to Obtain Regulatory Approval**



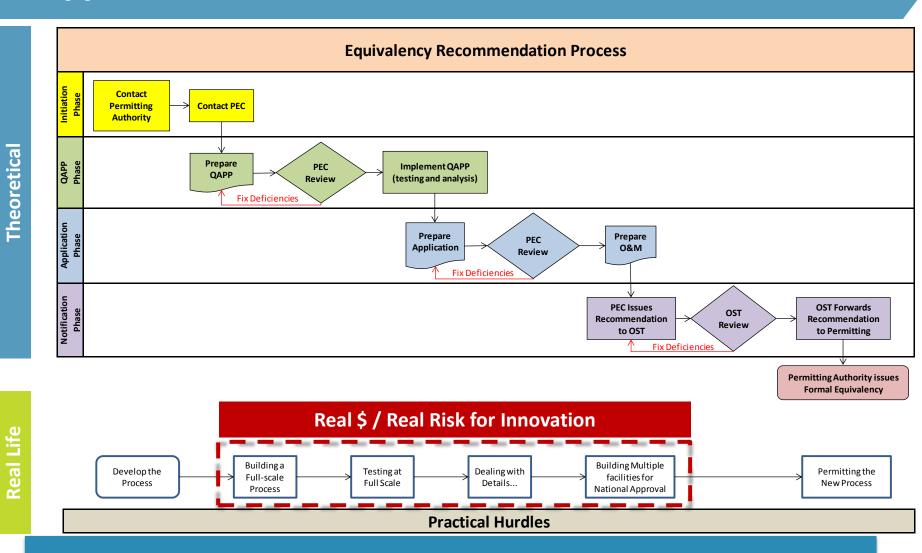
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Part Science / Part 'Know How'

## **U.S. EPA Pathogen Equivalency Committee**

Created in 1985 to provide technical expertise to permitting authorities on PFRP/PSRP Equivalencies 11 members with a wellrounded expertise and diverse point of view Pathogen **Equivalency Committee** Center for Disease Control U.S. EPA & Prevention (CDC) National Institute of Office of Occupational Safety & Health Regional Research & Office of Offices **Emergency & Development** Water Microbiology 1 **Environmental Health** Virology Region VIII & Safety Division Parasitology **National Exposure** OST Medicine Research Laboratory Veterinary science Office of Wastewater **National Homeland Security Environmental Engineering** Management Research Center Wastewater treatment National Risk Management Industrial hygiene Research Laboratory (chair) Sludge regulations

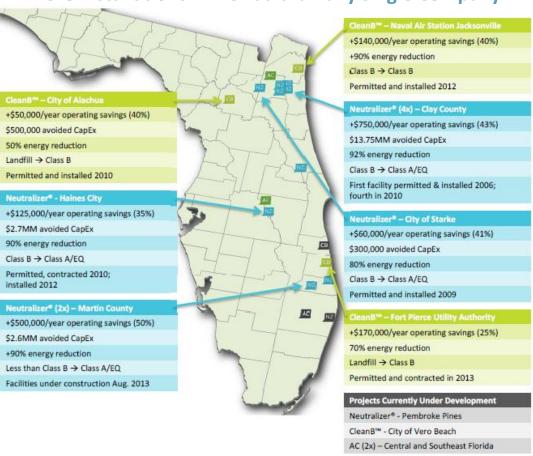
## The Approval Process for Biosolids Treatment Methods



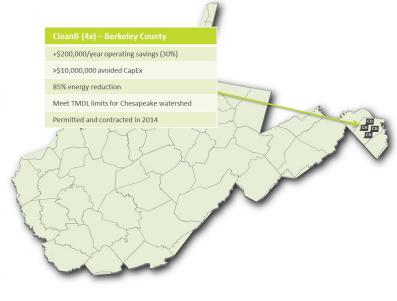
The theoretical process is simple compared to the practical process

## **EPA Approval is Critical to Innovation Success** → **Business Velocity**

BCR has contracted ~8% of the Florida Market / 3 Times More Installations in Florida than any single Company



#### 2014 Expansion into West Virginia



3 → 20+ installations in 4 years post National PFRP Approval

## **Recommendations for Improvement**

- Clarity
  - Implement Vector Attraction Reduction Equivalency Committee (all disinfected biosolids are not the same)
  - EPA interaction with Regions? States? Districts?
- Process
  - Do not shortcut the Approval Process or Criteria in an effort to drive innovation → unintended consequences



**Best Available Resource for Reading: PEC Website** 

http://water.epa.gov/scitech/wastetech/biosolids/pathogen.cfm

There is no better resource than 'Past Experience'

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## Thank you

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